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Applicant : SUZUKI, K. et al.  
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Title : CONNECTION SUPPORT METHOD  
FOR DISK ARRAY DEVICE  
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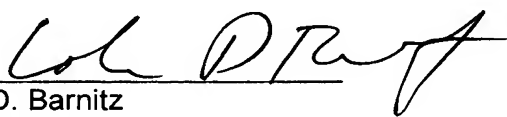
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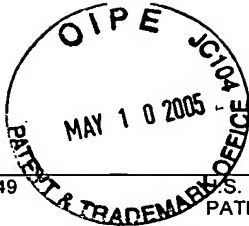
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AA	5,448,675	09/05/95	Leone et al			
AB	6,285,293	09/04/01	German et al			
AC	6,493,498	12/10/02	Colombo et al			
AD	6,658,191	12/02/03	German et al			
AE	6,747,874	06/08/04	McKinnon et al			
AF	6,784,802	08/31/04	Stanescu			
AG	6,809,505	10/26/04	Peeke et al			
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language version abstract and the discussion of these documents in the specification.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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